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THE
Laſt Dying Speeches,
CONFESSION,
AND
EXECUTION
OF
John Stokes, *Iſaac Davis*, and *Mary Williamſon*, who were Executed at *TYBURN*, the 5th. of *March*, 1684.

For FELLONIES and BURGLARIES, together with the manner of their Behaviour in *New-Gate*, after their Condemnation; As alſo the Laſt Dying Speech and Confeſſion of *Alice Paddiſon*, who was Burnt at *Tyburn* for High-Treaſon, on the 5*th.* of the ſame Inſtant.

Enter'd according to Order.

TIS too apparent that the many Severe Examples of Juſtice, cannot deter Depraved and Infatuated People from ruſhing without any further conſideration, upon their own Ruin; no, not the earneſt Deſires and Intreaty of thoſe that have juſtly Suffered, and ought to ſtand as a Sea-Mark, to prevent the Ship-wrack, and Inevitable Ruin of their Aſſociates; but to be brief: The laſt Seſſions, there being Twelve Perſons Sentenced to Dye at the Seſſions-Houſe in the *Old-Baily*, on the 28th. of *February* laſt, viz. *Thomas Kelly*, *Robert Barbadoes*, *Gerard Middleton*, *Jane Conyers*, *Alice Cranfield*, *John Nicols*, *Mary Defoe*, *Edward Conyers*, *John Stokes*, *Iſaac Davis*, *Mary Williamſon*, and *Alice Paddiſon*, of which Number, the former Eight found the Mercy of a Reprieve, and the latter Four Executed, their Crimes for which they ſuffered their deportment in *New-Gate*, after Sentence, and their laſt Dying Speeches and Confeſſions, being as followeth.

Edward Conyers, Being Tryed upon an Indictment of High-Treaſon, Pleading thereto not Guilty, the Evidence [illegible] was that his Daughter coming to a Bake-Houſe for Bread, with [illegible] Clipped [illegible], and being there Queſtioned where ſhe had them, after much [illegible] Conſternation and Amazement, declared ſhe had them of [illegible] Related that her Father was a Clipper, &c. Whereupon a Warrant to [illegible] being obtained, Shares, Files, Melting-Pots Melted Silver, and [illegible] Implements appertaining to that illegal Practice were found in [illegible] Lodging; upon which, both he and his Wife, were found Guilty; but

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ſhe being Reprieved as aforeſaid, when he being conveyed back to *Newgate* after Sentence of Death Received, in Caſe of High Treaſon, he became exceeding Penitent, Expreſſing abundance of Sorrow, [illegible] and often converſed with ſuch Pious and Charitable Miniſters as came to afſoard Spiritual Conſolation to him and his Condemned Fellows, that ſo they might not droop under the Terrors of Death, and give further way to the Enemy of Mankind, (who always at ſuch times is moſt buſy) to bring in diſpair, he likewiſe was obſerved to Pray often moſt fervently for Life and Imortality in the World to come, eſpecially when he was acquainted that his Offence had barred him of all hopes of Pardon, and ſo he continued to bewail his Deplorable Condition, and the near approach of his untimely Fate, till at laſt he, through the Interceſſion of his Friends and his Majeſties great Clemency, received a Reprieve.

John Stakes, a Notorious Pick-Pocket, being at his Trade near *Py-Corner*, was apprehended for Picking the Pocket of one *Elizabeth Roſs* on the 11*th.* of *February* laſt, for which at the enſuing Seſſions being Indicted and Tryed, upon his Tryal, it appeared that he had Picked the Proſecutors Pocket of a Purſs, and in it 38 *s.* with which upon his being diſcovered, he Run away, but was quickly overtaken with the Money about him, and that being in *Newgate*, he ſent ſome of his Accomplices to Compound the Fellony and Robbery, upon which proof he was found Guilty, and after Judgment of Death Received with his Fellow Offenders, reconvey'd to *Newgate*, to Expect the Execution of the Sentence, where for a while (having as 'tis ſuppoſed ſome hopes of a Pardon or Reprieve with which Vanity thoſe miſerable Wretches too often flatter themſelves even on the Brink of Eternity) he remained much unconcerned, ſeeming rather reſolutely obſtenate, then ſenſible of his Condition, but having certain notice ſome days ſince that he muſt dye; for that his reitterated Offences, would not admit of Mercy, he became more ſerious; Deaths diſmal aſpect being to terrible to be outbraved, and often apply'd himſelf to good and ſober advice, being the Precedent Sabbath very attentive to the Sermon, which was for that purpoſe Preached, and ſo continued till he was brought to the Place of Execution. Where being in the Cart, and the Rope put about his Neck, he ſeemed, as it were, in an Obſtinate Mood, yet ſhewed ſome Remors for his Crimes, declaring to the Miniſter, That he had been a great Offender, and deſired him to tell the People as much; and that he deſired Heartily, that they would put up their Prayers to Almighty God for the Salvation of his Soul, and take warning by his Fall, owning the Fact for which he ſuffered. But being deſired by the Miniſter to join in ſinging the Pſalm which his Fellow-Sufferers deſired might be Sung, *viz.* the 25th, beginning at the Fifth Verſe, he refuſed it, and did not ſeem much concerned, yet attentively liſtned to the Prayers of the Two Miniſters, who ſupplied the place of Mr. *Ordinary*, and with a Chriſtian Zeal diſcharged their Charitable Duty to the utmoſt of their power, by Praying with and Exhorting the Wretched Miſcreants to a Candid Confeſſion, and Hearty Repentance.

Mary Williamſon, Alias *Jones*, Alias *Smith*, Being Tryed upon an Indictment the laſt Seſſions, for Robbing *Henry Penny*, and it appearing upon Evidence that ſhe had Stolen a Silver-Salt, value 20 l. A Silver Plate of the ſame value, a Caudle-Cup of 45 l. value, a Tankard value 20 l. Silver Hamper, value 5 l. a Silver Chain, and divers other Pieces of of Plate of conſiderable value, beſides 44 l. in Mony; which ſhe did under the Colour of Hiring her ſelf in the Nature of a Servant to the Proſecutor, with whom ſhe Lived, at his Houſe in *St. Lawrance Pountny*, *London*; from *Michaelmas* laſt till the 26 of *October*, and effected the Robbery in the abſence of her Maſter and Miſtreſs, upon proof of which, ſhe received Judgment, and was reconveyed to *New-Gate*; having firſt Pleaded her Belly, but not proving with Child, when being in Retirement, ſhe much bewailed her miſerable condition, and ſaid ſhe was tempted to it, being very deſirous to Live, and earneſtly praying for Pardon, more temporal then otherwiſe, and ſo continued till the day of Execution; when with the reſt ſhe was conveyed to *Tyburn*, the common Place of Suffering. Where the Miniſters prayed with her, and intreated her for Chriſts ſake to Repent from the bottom of her heart of all her Sins, and confeſs her Crimes both to God and Man, that thereby (like the Thief upon the Croſs) ſhe might obtain Pardon and Remiſſion, to which ſhe gave great attention, with *Hands* and Eyes lifted up to Heaven, deſiring the great and Righteous Judg of all the Earth to have mercy upon her poor departing Soul, which ſhe commended into his Hands, then being asked by a Party that ſtood by the Cart, what was become of the Plate and Mony, ſhe ſaid what Plate, ſhe knew of no Plate, then it was told her her Miſtreſs would ſpeak to her, to which ſhe reply'd, if ſhe had any thing to ſay to her ſhe muſt come to her, for ſhe well knew ſhe could not come to her, and then deſired God to forgive the Man that ſwore againſt her, ſaying, ſhe deſired to Die in Charity with all Men, and ſo continued to Pray, without making any publick Speech to the People, as alſo to Joyn in ſinging the Pſalm to the laſt, not owning that ſhe had either Plate or Mony.

Iſaac Davis, formerly Living at *Knights-Bridge*, with one Mr. *Marſhfield*, being Tryed, for that he and two others his Accomplices, not taken, on the 30th of *December* laſt, Broke into the Houſe of the ſaid *Marſhfield*, and thereby made ſuch a Noiſe that *Marſhfield* coming down to know what occaſioned it, was ſet upon, ſhot at, and wounded by the Burglars, and had been undoubtedly Murthered, had not his Son come to his Reſcue, upon which they fled, yet there was left a Hat behind, which was Sworn to be his, and it being further proved by the Perſon aſſaſſinated that he knew him by ſeveral Tokens, he was found Guilty of the Burglary, and putting the People in Corporal Fear of their Lives, and receiving Judgment with the reſt, was remanded to *New-Gate*, where he continued to be deeply ſenſible of his *Profligate* Life, and to be very attentive to thoſe that gave him Directions about his Eternal Welfare, ſaying bad Company had been the cauſe of his ſhame and Ruin, and if he might Live, he would amend, being often ſeen to *Pray* and Weep aloud, when this Morning he was conveyed to the Place of Execution, where being come, and deſired to unburthen his Conſcience, he declared in the Preſence of Almighty God, and before the People, that he was Innocent of what he dyed for, deſiring that God would ſhow ſome Imediate Judgment on him if he was Guilty, yet deſired of God to forgive his Proſecutors, and prayed one *Harris* (that ſpoke to him and asked him about Stealing of Poultry, and breaking open a Shop, which he likewiſe denyed to have any hand in) that he would remember him to all his Friends in *Knightsbridge*, and tell them that he took it upon his Salvation, and wiſhed that he might never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, nor Receive Mercy at the Hands of God if he had any Hand in the Fact for which he Suffered, proteſting with the like

like Aſſeveration that he was in his own Houſe, at the time the Houſe was ſaid to be broken open, and that for the Hat, Charged to be his, he never ſaw it till he ſaw it in the Hands of his Proſecutor, & that he never did any Crime in the like Nature, but geting Mony, he had ſpent it as freely, & had been a great Drinker, been guilty of Sabath breaking, and many ſuch heinous Sins, for which he believed God ſuffered him to come to ſuch an untimely end, deſiring that his Innocence as to the Robbery might be made known, nor did he waver in his Aſſeveration, though often interrogated by the Miniſters, and deſired not to dally with his Soul upon the Brink of Eternity, whereupon one of the Miniſters declared to the People what he ſaid, as alſo he himſelf did twice or thrice, and ſo with much Penitence and Divotion, and again Prayed God to forgive his Proſecutors, ſaying he deſired to dye in Charity with all Men, and ſo Singing his part of the Pſalm, and Praying to God to recieve his Soul, he paſſed into Eternity.

Alice Pattiſon, Alias *Kirk*, Being Apprehended for High-Treaſon, in Clipping the Lawful Currant Coin of this Kingdom, &c. was the laſt Seſſions brought upon her Tryal, where it appeared againſt her upon Evidence, that ſhe had Clipped divers half Crowns of King *Charles* the Firſt, and divers other Pieces, and that ſhe had purchaſed ſeveral Gunies, at 1 l. 1 s. 8 d. with Clipped Money, and changed it for broad Mony, at 1 l. 1 s. 8 d. and that ſhe cut the value of 4 d. off each Half-Crown, and that ſhe had been ſeen Clipping, Filing, and Diminiſhing at divers times, the Principal Evidence againſt her, being one *Mary Hern*, in whoſe Houſe ſhe Lodged, and one that had been aſſiſting to her in the unlawful Trade; but what made it out more plain, was a Melting-Pot, Melted-Silver, and Clipped-Mony, that upon Search was found in her Poſſeſſion; upon which Evidence ſhe was found Guilty of High-Treaſon, and reconveyed to *New-Gate*, where during the Intervene, ſhe continued exceeding Penitent, bewailing her ſad Misfortune, and the diſmal and untimely End ſhe had brought her ſelf to, by her unlawful Practice, being extraordinary Penitent, and much attentive to thoſe that gave her Ghoſtly Conſolation, continuing in that manner with abundance of Tears flowing from her, till this Morning, at what time being drawn upon a Sledg to *Tyburn*, where a Stake being driven in with two holes in it, ſhe was brought thither before the other Priſoners, but upon further Order, her Burning was reſpited for a while, and ſhe put into the Cart amongſt the other Priſoners, where the Miniſters gave her Spiritual Comfort; deſiring her in this her great Extremity to lay hold on the Paſſion Death, and Merits of her Merciful Redeemer, and that ſhe would unburthen her thoughts, to which ſhe anſwered, ſhe hoped for Salvation and Eternal Life, but that ſhe muſt needs own ſhe was unworthy of it, for that ſhe had been a great Sinner, and was, eſpecially Guilty of the Treaſon for which ſhe was to ſuffer; having uſed that wicked Profeſſion for the ſpace of a Year paſt, then ſhe deſired all good Chriſtians to Pray for her, and Sung her Part of the Pſalm divoutly, after which, the Cart drawing away, the three former were Hanged, and ſhe reconveyed to the Stake, where ſhe again deſired the Prayers of all good People, confeſſing her Crime, and intreating the Executioner, who took a Crown out of her Pocket, to ſtrangle her before the Fire came at her, he ſet her upon a Block, and faſtened the Rope through the holes about her Neck; when after ſhe had Prayed a while, he ſtruck it away, and let her Hang whilſt he placed the Wood about her, which being kindled, Conſumed her to Aſhes.

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